

# PROSPECTUS

OF THE

## PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

OF

VICTORIA,

TO BE INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

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AFTER the grant of the Charter, this Society shall assume the title of *The Royal Society of Victoria*.

### OBJECT.

The objects of the Society shall embrace the whole field of Science, with a special reference to the cultivation of those departments that are calculated to develop the natural resources of the country.

### MODE OF OPERATION.

The objects of the Society will be carried out by original researches conducted by the members, and by original papers to be read at the periodical meetings and published under the direction of the Society.

### BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

The Society shall be definitively established on the principle of the Royal Society of London, as far as

the existing bye-laws and regulations of that Society may be applicable to the present local circumstances of Victoria.

#### MEMBERS.

The Members of the Society shall consist of *Fellows, Ordinary, and Honorary Members.*

FELLOWS shall be elected from among the ordinary Members at the monthly meetings of the Society.

The election to take place always by ballot.

The proportion of votes for deciding the election of Fellows will be at least *four-fifths* of the Members voting.

ORDINARY MEMBERS will be admitted on application to the Council.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP will be considered one of the highest marks of distinction this Society can confer.

#### OFFICE-BEARERS.

The Office-bearers of the Society shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary; all of them to be elected annually, at the anniversary general meeting of the Society.

#### MANAGEMENT.

The power of management of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in the President, Vice-Presidents, and the Council.

The Council to consist of the Office-bearers and *eight* other Members, to be elected at the anniversary general meeting from among the *Fellows* of the Society.

Until the next anniversary meeting in 1855, the following gentlemen have been elected to act as Council Members:—The Rev. A. Morison, A. Selwyn, Esq., Dr. F. Mueller, J. Hutchinson, Esq., M. D., Dr. R. Eades, M. B., S. Iffla, Esq., M. D., F. C. Christy, Esq., M. D. W. Blandowsky, Esq.

#### MEETINGS.

The anniversary general meeting of the Society will be held on the Second Saturday of January, at *eight* o'clock P. M.

The ordinary monthly meetings on the Second Saturday of each month, at *seven* o'clock P. M.

Council meetings will be held on the *first* and *third* Wednesday of each month, at *five* o'clock P. M. *three* Members present shall constitute a *quorum*.

#### THE PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY.

The effects of the Society in Books, Specimens, Models, of what kind soever, shall be considered the property of the National Museum until otherwise ordered and resolved by the annual general meeting of the Society.

The resolution of the annual general meeting, however, shall not extend to those effects that

are found in actual possession of the Society at the time of such resolution being brought in, such effects being already the property of the National Museum; but merely to such property as may be collected after the date of the said resolution being made.

Every Paper, Plan, Model, &c., presented to the Society shall be considered the property thereof, unless there shall have been made some previous arrangement with the donor; and the Council may publish such Paper and a description of such Plan or Model any time they think proper.

No Member shall publish on his own account, or give his consent for publication of, any Communication or description of Plan or Model presented and belonging to the Society, without the previous consent of the Council.

#### CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUNDS.

Each Member shall have to pay *three guineas* for the present year, without any entrance fee.

After the first of January, 1855, there will be an entrance fee of *two guineas*.

#### ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Application for admission to be made to the Council, addressed to the Honorary Secretary, and directed to the Museum of Natural History, Melbourne.

